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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 22, 2002 in which claims 1, 3, 5-12, 14, 16-18, and 25-31 were rejected. Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A mouse input device for a computer system, the mouse capable of being moved across a working surface to move a displayed object on a computer display, the mouse comprising:
- an upper casing;
  - a bottom surface designed to face the working surface;
  - a thumb pinching area located on a side of the mouse proximate the bottom surface;
  - a primary button;
  - a secondary button; and